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Speech Made by Premier Kim Il Sung

At Banquet Arranged in Honour of 20th Birthday of KPA

PYONGYANG, Feb. 8 (KCNA)—Comrade Kim Il Sung, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Premier of the Cabinet of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, founder of the heroic Korean People's Army, outstanding leader and great leader of the 40 million Korean people, made a speech at the banquet arranged this evening in honour of the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Korean People's Army.

Follows the full text of the speech:

(All rise. Prolonged and thunderous applause)

Dear Comrades,

Our intimate friends from foreign countries,

It is with a great revolutionary pride and a high national pride that we are celebrating today the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Korean People's Army, the glorious revolutionary armed forces of our Party and our people.

On the occasion of this historic holiday of great significance, I offer, in the name of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and the Government of the Republic, my warm congratulations to all the officers and men of the ground, naval and air forces of our heroic People's Army and the garrison. **(Prolonged thunderous applause)**

I also extend the greatest honour to the anti-Japanese revolutionary forerunners and the hero fighters of the People's Army, who sacrificed their precious lives and beautiful youth for the freedom and liberation of the people, for the safeguard of the independence of the fatherland and the gains of the revolution, and pay high honour to their bereaved families. **(Prolonged, loud applause)**

At the same time, I extend my warm congratulations and thanks to all the disabled soldiers who fought courageously shedding blood in the Patriotic War of Liberation against the armed invasion of U.S. imperialism and its lackeys and who are keeping still today the beautiful flower of the revolution in bloom on the labour front of socialist construction. **(Prolonged, rousing applause)**

And I express my deep thanks to the workers, peasants and all the people who, holding high the resolution of the Conference of the Party on carrying on economic construction and national defence upbuilding in parallel and the military line of the Party, are consolidating firmly the defence power of the country and love deeply and support the People's Army as their own flesh and blood. **(Prolonged thunderous applause)**

Comrades and friends,

Already 20 years have elapsed since we founded the People's Army, although it seems as if it were only yesterday. During these 20 years the People's Army has traversed vigorously the victorious path of glory under the leadership of our Party. Twenty years are not so long a period of time in view of the history of revolution of our people. But during this period the People's Army has undergone many trials, has shed much blood and has fought unbendingly along the path of revolution indicated by the Party.

Through its heroic and self-sacrificing struggle, the People's Army has accomplished with honour the revolutionary tasks it assumed before the fatherland and the people and has recorded brilliant achievements in the history of revolution of our Party, which will shine down through generations. **(Prolonged stormy applause)**

During the period of peaceful construction the People's Army reliably defended the revolutionary democratic base of the northern half of the Republic and the creative labour of our people who rose up in the building of a new fatherland against the aggressive manoeuvres and the acts of subversion and sabotage of the enemies within and without. **(Prolonged stormy applause)** Under the leadership of the Party, the officers and men of the People's Army fought courageously, displaying mass heroism and unparalleled patriotic devotion in the Patriotic War of Liberation and safeguarded with honour the independence of the fatherland and the gains of the revolution, defeating the U.S. imperialist aggressors who were boasting of being the "strongest" in the world. **(Stormy applause)** In the post-war period, the brave fighters of the People's Army who were tempered in the fierce flames of the war have smashed at every step the repeated manoeuvres of aggression of the enemies, thus safeguarding the defence-line of the fatherland as firm as an iron wall and reliably defending by force of arms the revolutionary cause of our Party and our people for the socialist revolution and socialist construction. **(Thunderous applause)**

The socialist system and the foundations of an independent national economy which are the great revolutionary gains achieved by our people under the leadership of the Party are associated with the red blood shed by the officers and men of the People's Army who fought heroically for the freedom and happiness of the people and for the eternal prosperity of the fatherland and with the noble patriotic spirit they displayed. **(Stormy applause)**

By its infinite loyalty to the Party and the revolution and its devoted service to the fatherland and the people, the People's Army is deeply loved and most highly respected by the entire people. **(Thunderous applause)**

People say that even mountains and rivers change their looks in 10 years' time. In the last 20 years the People's Army has also changed its looks beyond recognition.

In the raging tempest of revolution that has risen in our country during the last 20 years, in the trials of the severe class struggle for putting down the resistance of the overthrown exploiting class, amidst the gun-fire of the hard-fought war for repulsing the foreign imperialist aggressors, the People's Army has been further tested and tempered politically and ideologically, militarily and technically, and has grown into a powerful revolutionary armed force with rich experiences. **(Prolonged and thunderous applause)**

The morale of the officers and men of our People's Army is now very fine. The unitary ideological system of the Party has been perfectly established within the army and all the armymen are filled with the unanimous determination to defend the Party and the revolution at the risk of their lives. **(Prolonged stormy applause)** Fraternity of comradeship between officers and men, voluntary discipline and close bonds of kinship with the people—all these beautiful and noble traits are prevailing in the entire ranks of the People's Army: All these are precisely the characteristic features of our People's Army which no imperialist army of aggression can possess. It is because of this political and moral superiority of our People's Army that it is unyielding in the battle and can defeat any aggressive army far more superior in technical equipment and numerical strength. **(Prolonged and stormy applause)**

The military and technical equipment of the People's Army has been improved on the whole, the commanding capacity of the commanding officers has been greatly enhanced and the combat power of the People's Army has further increased.

The People's Army is equipped with up-to-date weapons and all the officers and men have mastered modern military science and technique. Particularly, during a long period of time since the Korean Communists started, with arms in hand, their anti-Japanese armed struggle for the freedom and independence of the fatherland up to date, our revolutionary armed forces have accumulated rich experiences of having defeated the Japanese imperialist troops in Korea and the Kuangtung army of Japanese imperialism, of having crushed the aggressor army of U.S. imperialism, ringleader of world reaction, of having waged guerrilla warfare and of having waged modern warfare. **(Stormy applause)** This means that our People's Army has grown into a revolutionary army possessing skilled and tested art of commandership and combat power, capable of defeating any imperialist army of aggression under any circumstances. **(Prolonged and thunderous applause)**

The qualitative composition of the ranks of the People's Army has also radically changed.

What rejoices us particularly today is that the ranks of the revolutionary backbone, the core of the People's Army, have grown in large numbers. At the time of the founding of the People's Army, the ranks of revolutionary backbone who had been tempered in the severe trials of revolution numbered several thousands. Today after 20 years, the People's Army has increased by tens of thousands the ranks of the revolutionary backbone, tempered in the fierce flames of the Patriotic War of Liberation, together with the revolutionry fighters of long-standing who directly took part in the anti-Japanese armed struggle. **(Stormy applause)** Our People's Army has been reliably built up with able military and political cadres for all arms and services. This is the greatest success we have achieved during the last 20 years in the upbuilding of people's armed force. **(Prolonged stormy applause)** The revolutionary backbone of the People's Army is the precious core of our Party which cannot be exchanged for anything and very precious asset for accelerating the victory of our revolution. **(Prolonged stormy applause)**

Together with big growth of the revolutionary backbone of the People's Army, a qualitative change has been brought about also in the composition of the ranks as a whole. Today the ranks of the People's Army are formed and are being constantly filled up with the new generation, fine sons and daughters of the working people such as workers, peasants and intellectuals, who have grown in the struggle for democratic and socialist revolutions and in the great revolutionary upsurge of socialist construction and who have been educated in a communist way. The officers and men of our People's Army possess a high level of technique and culture, having received middle, technical and higher education thanks to the correct education policy of our Party. Herein also lies the important guarantee for the rapid growth of the armymen of our People's Army into an army of cadres each of whose members is a match for one hundred foes, armed with up-to-date military science and techniques and capable of handling skillfully any complicated, modern weapons and combat and technical materiel. **(Loud applause)** We can be proud, with great self-confidence, of such a large-scale growth of the revolutionary backbone of the People's Army and of the qualitative strengthening of the revolutionary ranks. **(Prolonged, stormy applause)**

Invincible is the Korean People's Army which has inherited the brilliant revolutionary traditions of the glorious anti-Japanese armed struggle and grown into a regular armed force possessing rich combat experiences of the Patriotic War of Liberation, firmly armed with the unitary ideological system of the Party and equipped with modern military science and technique and with up-to-date military technique and materiel. **(Prolonged, thunderous applause)**

We have built up a firm self-defence posture by carrying out great work for strengthening the People's Army in every way and, at the same time, for arming the entire people and turning the whole country into a fortress. **(Loud applause)** Particularly, a great number of discharged armymen who have rich combat experiences and military technique are performing, while successfully pushing ahead with socialist construction, the role of the core in the work for defence of the fatherland everywhere in the whole

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Premier Kim Il Sung Congratulates SVNFL

On Recent Brilliant Victory

PYONGYANG, Feb. 6 (KCNA)—Premier Kim Il Sung sent a telegram of greetings yesterday to Nguyen Huu Tho, President of the Presidium of the Central Committee of the South Vietnam National Front for Liberation, in connection with the fact that the South Vietnam People's Liberation Armed Forces have recently dealt telling blows to U.S. imperialism and the Thieu-Ky traitor clique and won a brilliant victory by attacking all at once almost all the cities including Saigon and the enemy's military bases in the enemy-occupied areas of South Vietnam.

The telegram reads in full:

The South Vietnam People's Liberation Armed Forces have recently dealt telling blows to U.S. imperialism and the Thieu-Ky traitor clique and won a brilliant victory by attacking all at once almost all the cities including Saigon and the enemy's military bases in the enemy-occupied areas of South Vietnam.

At the same time, the people, patriotic forces, national and peace forces in the enemy-occupied areas have also made the enemy suffer a crushing defeat and seized many cities and rural areas by rising up in an uprising.

The news of this victory greatly inspires our people.

I, in the name of the entire Korean people, extend warmest congratulations and militant support and encouragement to you, Esteemd Your Excellency President, and

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Premier Kim Il Sung Receives CPSU Delegation

PYONGYANG, Feb. 9 (KCNA)—Comrade Kim Il Sung received today Comrade Boris Ponomaryov, Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, who is heading the visiting delegation of the CPSU.

Present on the occasion were Comrade Pak Sung Chul, Member of the Political Committee of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, and Kim Yung Nam, vice-Director of a Department of the Central Committee of the WPK.

Also present was N.G. Sudarikov, Ambassador of the Soviet Union to our country.

Comrade Kim Il Sung had a friendly talk with the guests.

Comrade Kim Il Sung had today a dinner with the guests.

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country—towns and villages, factories, enterprises and cooperative farms. Therefore, the might of our defence system of the entire people and the whole country has been secured more firmly. **(Prolonged, stormy applause)** We can say with confidence that we have built a rock-firm defence power in the northern half of the Republic capable of countering any imperialist aggression. **(Prolonged, thunderous applause)**

Comrades,

We can never be complacent with the successes already made. We have more things to do in the future than we have already done.

We have not yet accomplished the revolution. U.S. imperialism, our sworn enemy, is still alive and Japanese militarism has also been revived. Landlords, capitalists, and reactionary bureaucrats' groups of pro-American and pro-Japanese lackeys continue to squat in South Korea occupied by U.S. imperialism. As long as there exist the enemies, we must continue revolution and further strengthen the revolutionary armed force.

The general situation in our country and Asia is very tense now.

The U.S. imperialists are running wild to recover from the heavy defeat they have suffered in their war of aggression in Vietnam and are trying to escalate the war to the whole area of Asia.

The U.S. imperialists' manoeuvrings for the provocation of a new war in Korea have already reached a grave stage.

Of late particularly, U.S. imperialism and the Pak Jung Hi clique are raising frenzied war clamours in connection with the incident of the seizure of the armed espionage ship "Pueblo." They brought a large number of their aggressive armed forces into South Korea and along the eastern coast of our country and are taking a war posture and openly declare that they would invade the northern half of the Republic.

As for the intrusion of the armed espionage ship "Pueblo" into our territorial waters, it is a gangster-like piratic act, a flagrant encroachment upon the sovereign state and a link in the chains of premeditated manoeuvrings of the U.S. imperialists for unleashing a new war in Korea.

If the U.S. imperialists continue to try to solve this matter by means of threat and blackmail by mobilizing their armed forces, they will get nothing therefrom.

If there is anything it will be only corpses and death. **(Prolonged, resounding thunderous applause)**

We do not want war, but are never afraid of it. Our people and People's Army will return retaliation for the "retaliation" of the U.S. imperialists, all-out war for all-out war. **(Prolonged, thunderous applause)** The U.S. imperialists must be fully aware that if they aggravate the situation and persistently take the road of war despite our warnings, they will suffer a heavier defeat this time. **(Prolonged, stormy applause)**

All the recent developments show that a war may be waged again at any moment in our country by U.S. imperialism. All the officers and men of the People's Army, Worker-Peasant Red Militiamen and the entire people should further heighten revolutionary vigilance against the aggressive machinations and possible war provocation by the U.S. imperialists and firmly guard their posts maintaining a mobilized posture at all times. In all domains and at all units the military might of the country should be further strengthened and full combat preparations be made so that the aggressors can be crushed at one stroke if they recklessly pounce upon us.

We must more thoroughly implement the line of carrying on economic construction and national defence buildup in parallel and of training the whole army into a cadre army, and modernizing the whole army, arming the entire people and turning the whole land into a fortress in accordance with the line put forth by the Conference of the Party and 10-point Political Programme of the Government of the Republic. **(Stormy applause)**

We should turn the People's Army into a revolutionary army which is firmly armed politically and ideologically and better trained militarily and technically, and each of whose members is a match for one hundred foes. **(Stormy applause)**

To arm the armymen politically and ideologically constitutes the basic guarantee for bringing them up into communist fighters faithful to the Party and revolution and strengthening the might of our army. We should strengthen the political and ideological work among the armymen to arm them with the unitary ideology of our Party, the ideas of socialist patriotism and an indomitable revolutionary spirit. **(Stormy applause)**

The units of the People's Army should more energetically conduct combat training so that all the armymen can fully acquaint themselves with modern military science and military technique and skillfully handle the up-to-date weapons and the combat and technical materiel.

In compliance with the demands of modern warfare we should firmly arm our People's Army with modern weapons and combat and technical materiel and extensively develop military science and technique suitable to the actual conditions of our country.

The work of defending the country is the work of the whole Party, the whole State and the entire people. Together with the People's Army, the entire people, all the organs and enterprises, and the whole areas of the country must direct their efforts to the strengthening of the defence capability of the country. The entire Worker-Peasant Red Militiamen and the entire people should arm themselves, learn military affairs with sincerity and assiduously study the war experiences. Along with this, we must turn our whole land into an impregnable fortress by building firm defence establishments in every part of the country irrespective of the front and the rear.

The concern of the whole Party and the entire people should be paid to the work of assisting the People's Army. We should assist the People's Army in all fields and the entire people should love the officers and men of the People's Army like their real brothers and wholeheartedly help them so that they can fulfill the military duties assigned to them more creditably.

The U.S. imperialists are running wild. But the general situation today is continuously in favour of the revolutionary cause of our people. The intensified manoeuvres of aggression on the part of the U.S. imperialists do not mean their mightiness. On the contrary it shows that they are in a more and more difficult situation. U.S. imperialism is already on the decline. On the other hand, the ranks of the peoples fighting against U.S. imperialism are more and more expanding in Asia, Africa and Latin America, in all parts of the world. With no amount of manoeuvres can the U.S. imperialists halt the mounting revolutionary struggle of the peoples, and they are bound to meet their doom in the long run. **(Thunderous applause)**

The Korean People's Army and the Korean people will continue to wage a stubborn struggle against the aggressive manoeuvres of the U.S. imperialists and their stooges, check and shatter the enemy's scheme for war provocation and safeguard peace in Korea and will accomplish the historical cause of the unification of the fatherland without fail. **(Stormy applause)** Ever-victorious is the just cause of the Korean People's Army and the Korean people under the leadership of our Party. **(Prolonged, thunderous applause)**

We firmly believe that in the future, too, as in the past the officers and men of the People's Army will firmly guarantee our revolutionary cause by force of arms, rallied close around our Party and the Government of the Republic and live up with credit to the deep trust and expectation of the Party and the people. **(Stormy applause)**

Greeting the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Korean People's Army, I propose a toast to the constant strengthening and development of the People's Army, the revolutionary armed forces of our Party, to the good health of the revolutionary core and backbone of the People's Army including the anti-Japanese fighters who have made a great contribution to the building of our revolutionary armed forces, to the good health of all the officers and men of the People's Army and the garrison and to their greater successes in the performance of their military and combat duty, to the good health of the Worker-Peasant Red Militiamen who are scoring high successes on all fronts of economic construction and defence upbuilding, holding a rifle in one hand and a sickle and hammer in the other, to the good health of all our people and comrades cadres, to the good health of the diplomatic representatives and military attaches of various countries who are present here to celebrate our holiday and to the militant solidarity of the socialist countries.

(All rise. Prolonged, resounding thunderous applause)

Grand Pyongyang Meeting Held in Celebration of 20th Birthday of KPA

PYONGYANG, Feb. 7 (KCNA)—A grand meeting celebrating the 20th anniversary of the founding of the heroic Korean People's Army was held this evening at the Pyongyang Grand Theatre in the presence of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved leader of the 40 million Korean people, the founder and the guider of the Korean People's Army.

Attending the meeting were participants of the anti-Japanese guerrilla struggle and a large number of officers and men of the heroic Korean People's Army.

Also present were responsible functionaries of Party and Government organs and public organizations and scientific, cultural, art and press organs and Worker-Peasant Red Militiamen and working people in the city, families of servicemen of the People's Army and disabled soldiers who are keeping red flowers of revolution in bloom.

The heads of diplomatic missions and military attaches of foreign embassies in Pyongyang were also present.

At 5 p.m.!

Comrade Kim Il Sung appeared on the platform amid a welcome music.

The entire attendants of the meeting rose to their feet and broke into the shout "Long live Comrade Kim Il Sung!" that shook the meeting hall.

They shouted again and again hurrah from the bottom of their hearts, paying reverence to Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great leader of our 40 million people, peerless patriot, national hero, ever-victorious, iron-willed commander and one of the outstanding leaders of the international communist movement and working-class movement, who has steadfastly led the Korean revolution along the one road of victory, taking upon himself the destiny of the fatherland and the nation and personally breaking through all storm and stress, for over 40 years since he began his revolutionary activities in his early age, who founded our People's Army and has reared it into an army of cadres and modernized, invincible revolutionary armed forces, each man a match for a hundred foes, as we see today.

The platform of a meeting celebrating the 20th anniversary of founding of the heroic Korean People's Army at the Pyongyang Grand Theatre

The meeting hall was overflowing with infinite trust in and burning loyalty to the Leader.

Soldiers of the People's Army presented a basket of flowers of best wishes to Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved leader, in the name of the entire officers and men of the People's Army and the attendants of the meeting.

Taking the platform were Comrades Choi Yong Kun, Kim Il, Kim Kwang Hyup, Choi Hyun, Pak Sung Chul, Kim Chang Bong, Li Joo Yun, Nam Il, Li Jong Ok, Kim Ik Sun, Li Yung Ho, Huh Bong Hak, Kim Yung Joo, Li Kook Jin, Choi Yong Jin, Chung Joon Taik, Choi Kwang, Oh Jin Woo, Han Sang Doo, Hyun Moo Kwang, Kim Dong Kyoo and Chung Kyung Bok.

The platform party also included responsible functionaries of public organizations; generals of the KPA; anti-Japanese fighters and bereaved families of the revolutionary martyrs; Heroes of the Republic; model combatants; disabled soldiers and families of servicemen of the People's Army.

Comrade General Oh Jin Woo, Candidate Member of the Political Committee of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and Director of the General Political Bureau of the KPA, declared the meeting open.

Comrade General Kim Chang Bong, Member of the Political Committee of the Central Committee of the WPK, vice-Premier of the Cabinet and Minister of National Defence, delivered a report at the meeting.

A congratulatory message sent to Marshal Kim Il Sung, the great leader of the 40 million Korean people, founder of the KPA, its Supreme Commander and outstanding leader, by the entire South Korean revolutionaries and patriots on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the founding of the heroic Korean People's Army was read at the meeting.

And a congratulatory message sent to Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved leader of the 40 million Korean people, by the Central Standing Committee of the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan (CHONGRYUN) on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the founding of the heroic Korean People's Army, was conveyed at the meeting.

Then many congratulatory messages of best wishes and silk banners from organizations under CHONGRYUN and congratulatory letters from the Hwanghai Iron Works and other factories and enterprises, Chungsan Cooperative Farm and other cooperative farms in various areas and scientific, cultural and educational organs in honour of the 20th anniversary of the founding of the heroic Korean People's Army were conveyed.

Brilliant Victory and Infinite Glory Are in Store for Korean People's Army Under Wise Leadership of Party and Leader

Report by General Kim Chang Bong at Pyongyang Meeting Celebrating 20th Birthday of KPA

PYONGYANG, Feb. 7 (KCNA)—Comrade General Kim Chang Bong, Member of the Political Committee of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, vice-Premier of the Cabinet and Minister of National Defence, made a report at the meeting.

Saying that Comrade Kim Il Sung founded the Korean People's Army on Feb. 8, 1948, on the basis of the glorious revolutionary traditions, brilliant revolutionary exploits and rich experiences that had taken shape in the course of the prolonged anti-Japanese armed struggle and full preparations, the reporter continued:

The founding of the Korean People's Army was the embodiment of the great military programme of Comrade Kim Il Sung who had prepared for the founding of a powerful regular army, looking forward into the future of the fatherland in the thick forest of Mt. Paikdoo in the arduous days of anti-Japanese armed struggle and a precious fruit of the protracted bloody struggle and endeavours of the staunch Communists for building a people's armed force.

The founding of the Korean People's Army was a brilliant victory that our working-class, taking sovereign power firm in its hand, won in the worth-while struggle for building a rich and powerful independent sovereign state, upholding the great revolutionary ideas of Comrade Kim Il Sung, and firmly uniting itself around him, and an important event of epochal significance in the revolutionary struggle of our people marching ahead towards the bright future of socialism-communism.

With the founding of the Korean People's Army, our people have turned from a nation who was deprived of the country and subjected to all sorts of maltreatment and contempt by foreign imperialist aggressors due to their weak military forces in the past into a powerful and dignified nation whom no one can encroach on and into a glorious people of a full-fledged-independent sovereign state who are firmly safeguarding the security of the fatherland on their own.

The Korean People's Army, grown from the deep root of the glorious anti-Japanese armed struggle of our people and born as the direct continuer of the anti-Japanese armed struggle has inherited the lofty ideology and revolutionary spirit of the anti-Japanese guerrillas and their revolutionary method of work and popular style of work, the reporter said and went on:

The out-and-out revolutionary ideology of remaining boundlessly loyal to Comrade Kim Il Sung, the leader of our revolution, defending at the cost of one's life the headquarters of the revolution, the idea of *Juche* and revolutionary spirit of self-reliance to accomplish the Korean revolution by the Korean people themselves, the indomitable, tough revolutionary fighting spirit and revolutionary optimism of stubbornly fighting in any adversity, the burning hatred for the class enemy, the idea of ardent socialist patriotism, the noble spirit of proletarian internationalism and the traits of the perfect unity between superiors and subordinates and between the armymen and the people were the characteristic political and moral features of the anti-Japanese guerrillas and the most beautiful spiritual treasure which the People's Army has inherited.

Pointing out that the People's Army has extensively taken over the ever-victorious strategy and tactics created by Comrade Kim Il Sung in the anti-Japanese armed struggle and all the precious military and political experiences accumulated in the course of the arduous anti-Japanese armed struggle, the reporter stressed.

The military experiences of the anti-Japanese guerrillas such as the superb military operations, prodigious tactics, the organization and disciplines of the army, the education and cultivation of the units, the political work and logistic work in the units are the most precious wherewithal for strengthening the People's Army as an invincible armed force.

Quoting the teachings of Comrade Kim Il Sung: **"The army of a capitalist country is organized to defend and maintain by force of arms the system of oppression and exploitation of the working people—the absolute majority of the population—in the interests of the handful of capitalists and landlords and to attack other nations and invade the territories of other countries... In contrast, the army we have founded today is organized with the sons and daughters of the Korean workers, peasants and other working people. It is a genuine people's army fighting for the liberation and independence of the Korean nation and for the happiness of the masses of the people against the imperialist aggressive forces from abroad and the reactionary forces at home,"** the reporter referred to the character and mission of the KPA as follows:

The Korean People's Army is a revolutionary army that is loyal solely to the Workers' Party of Korea, follows the road of revolution solely under the leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea, safeguards the fruits of the revolution gained by the Party, and overthrows the old society and builds a new one in a revolutionary way.

The Korean People's Army as the revolutionary armed forces of our Party has the important mission of safeguarding the Party Central Committee, the brain and heart of the Korean revolution, and the Leader, reliably defending the socialist gains won by our people at the cost of blood and the security of the fatherland from the encroachment of the enemy and fighting for the country's unification and independence and for the nation-wide victory of the Korean revolution.

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ble might of the People's Army and the decisive factor in its victory lie in the very fact that it has taken over the revolutionary traditions of the glorious anti-Japanese armed struggle and fights under the wise leadership of the Party and the Leader, for the accomplishment of the correct revolutionary cause of the Workers' Party of Korea, enjoying the support and aid of the entire people, the reporter pointed out:

Looking back upon the militant path of victory and glory traversed by the Korean People's Army over the past 20 years under the wise leadership of our Party and Comrade Kim Il Sung, the proud path along which it has been brilliantly implementing the revolutionary mission entrusted to it by the Party and the revolution, and by the fatherland and the people, the reporter said:

Indeed, the 20 years of the Korean People's Army have been a worthy history of infinite loyalty to the Party and the Leader and a revolutionary history of firmly defending the freedom and independence of the fatherland, the security of the people and the socialist gains from the enemy's encroachment and a glorious history of growing into the steel-like ranks capable of guaranteeing by force of arms the ultimate victory of our revolution.

Comrade Kim Il Sung not only founded the Korean People's Army but also set forth correct lines in each stage of the development of the revolution and has led it so that the People's Army could display to the full its might as a revolutionary army, the reporter stressed.

General Kim Chang Bong referred to the facts that after Liberation, the men and officers of our People's Army who are infinitely loyal to the Party and the Leader, reliably defended the people's democratic system and all the successes of democratic reforms, the gains of our people in the struggle for the independence and sovereignty of the country and its democratization, and successfully safeguarded the creative labour of our people who rose up for building a new fatherland and displayed unparalleled bravery and mass heroism and performed immportal exploits in the three years' just Patriotic War of Liberation against the U.S. imperialist aggressors and that victories of great significance were achieved by our people.

In the post-war years, too, when the socialist revolution and socialist construction were energetically pushed ahead, the Korean People's Army has faithfully carried out honourable revolutionary mission entrusted to it as a reliable defender of the fatherland and the revolution and a devoted servant for the people.

Looking back upon 20 years' heroic course traversed by the Korean People's Army, the reporter said:

Today, our People's Army has been firmly armed with the unitary ideology of our Party and is true solely to the great revolutionary ideas of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved leader, and does not know any other ideas. The reporter continued:

The men and officers of the People's Army who in the difficult days of the war when the whole country was undergoing severe trials, faithfully fought, going through water and fire, in response to the call of the Party and the Leader and in the difficult post-war years when the enemy at home and abroad were engaged in vicious intrigues and machinations, firmly defended the Party and the Leader politically and ideologically without any slightest vacillation have been rallied firmer than ever before with the one and same idea and will around the Party Central Committee headed by Comrade Kim Il Sung and are full of the firm determination to fight on through the end, single-heartedly and unswervingly following the road indicated by the Party and the Leader.

Neither violent storm nor adversity can shake the fiery loyalty of the men and officers of the People's Army to the Party and the Leader and prevent them from marching ahead, upholding the great revolutionary ideas and revolutionary lines of Comrade Kim Il Sung.

Declaring that our People's Army has been splendidly steeled and prepared militarily and technically and its combat capacity further increased, the reporter stated:

All the men and officers of the People's Army have richly acquainted themselves with modern military science and military technique, by making a deep study of the experiences gained in the anti-Japanese armed struggle and the Patriotic War of Liberation and strengthening their combat and political training in conformity with modern warfare, and the ranks of military specialists in all branches of service have rapidly expanded. Our People's Army has been equipped with up-to-date weapons and grown into a modern armed force possessing both offensive and defensive means powerful enough to crush any strong enemy.

Saying that our People's Army has been built up with the revolutionary fighters seasoned and steeled in the protracted, arduous armed struggle against Japanese imperialism and numerous revolutionary cores coming from the ranks of workers and peasants who, after Liberation fought gallantly in the fierce class struggle against the enemy at home and abroad and in the great Patriotic War of Liberation, inheriting the revolutionary traditions of the anti-Japanese armed struggle, General Kim Chang Bong stressed: It is one of the most valuable successes scored by the People's Army over the 20 years following its founding and a very precious asset and wealth for the victorious progress of our revolution.

Saying that all the victories and successes scored by the People's Army over the past years are the great fruition of the outstanding military strategy and tactics of Comrade Kim Il Sung and the revolutionary principle of self-defence and the revolutionary military line set forth by him, the reporter pointed out:

By creatively applying and developing the Marxist-Leninist theory on military affairs in conformity with the specific conditions of our country, Comrade Kim Il Sung clarified the correct principle and concrete way of building people's armed forces in each period and at each stage of the development of the revolution and has brought up the People's Army into an invincible revolutionary armed force as we see today and always leads confidently to victory and glory.

Indeed, the founding of the People's Army, its strengthening and development and all its victories and achievements are unthinkable apart from the name of the respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung.

It was thanks to the wise leadership and distinguished military strategic guidance of Comrade Kim Il Sung that our People's Army could win a historic victory in the war against the U.S. imperialists who boasted of being the "strongest" in the world, smashing their technical and numerical superiority.

The reporter stressed that scientific insight into the development of the situation, originality and tactfulness in planning, the creation of original forms and methods of struggle and their skillful combination, resoluteness in the implementation of a plan, superb commandership, etc. are the important features of the strategic guidance of Comrade Kim Il Sung who brought the Patriotic War of Liberation to a victorious end.

The strategic and tactical examples set by Comrade Kim Il Sung during the Patriotic War of Liberation constitute the most valuable asset for the development of our military art, the reporter said, and continued as follows:

The consistent guiding ideas of our Party on the building of revolutionary armed forces are the principle of self-defence in national defence, set forth by Comrade Kim Il Sung.

Comrade Kim Il Sung's ideas of self-defence are an immovable cornerstone of the military line and national defence policy of our Party and, as a result of the country's defence buildup being guided by these revolutionary ideas, our defence capabilities have been consolidated as firmly as we see today.

The principle of self-defence in national defence is the embodiment in defence buildup of the idea of *Juche* and the revolutionary spirit of self-reliance of solving independently all problems arising in revolution and construction in conformity with the actual conditions of one's own country and mainly relying on one's own strength; this is an out-and-out Marxist-Leninist line on the building of armed forces.

The reporter quoted the following teachings of Comrade Kim Il Sung: **"The decisive factor in victory in the struggle against imperialist reaction is the internal forces of the country concerned. Although foreign support is important in the war against alien aggressors, it plays, to all intents and purposes, nor more than a secondary role. When the internal forces are not prepared in each country, its revolutionary struggle cannot emerge victorious no matter how great the foreign support may be. If the Communists only pin their hopes on foreign support and aid without building up their own revolutionary forces, they cannot defend the security of their fatherland and the revolutionary gains reliably against imperialist aggression."**

Only by having the self-defence national defence capabilities, can the socialist countries also resolutely check and frustrate the vicious strategy of the U.S. imperialists designed to smash the countries of the socialist camp one by one and make an effective contribution to the anti-imperialist national liberation movement and the international working-class movement, the reporter stressed.

Saying that of great theoretical and practical significance in the military ideas of Comrade Kim Il Sung and his line on building up a revolutionary armed force is the parallel building of economy and defences, the reporter referred in detail to the fact that Comrade Kim Il Sung has reared the People's Army into an army of cadres, into a powerful modernized revolutionary army and converted the whole country into an impregnable fortress by putting forth the revolutionary line of stepping up economic construction and defence upbuilding in parallel and the military line of our Party whose basic content is to train the whole army into a cadre army and modernize the whole army, place the entire people under arms and convert the whole country into a fortress and seeing to it that these lines be implemented.

The military line of our Party as a creative revolutionary line laid by Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great leader of our revolution, who personally organized and led the protracted and arduous anti-Japanese armed struggle, accumulated many years' rich experiences in building a regular armed force and valuable experiences in victoriously leading the war against U.S. imperialism boasting of being the "strongest" in the world and has an out-and-out anti-imperialist stand and firm stand of *Juche*, makes an outstanding contribution to the development of the Marxist-Leninist theory on military affairs.

As in the past the Korean People's Army under the correct leadership of the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung will be ever-victorious in the future, too.

Today, the entire soldiers, non-commissioned officers, officers and generals of the ground, naval and air forces of the Korean People's Army and the garrison regard it as their greatest honour and happiness to be revolutionary soldiers of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great leader of the 40 million Korean people, peerless patriot, national hero, ever-victorious, iron-willed commander and one of the outstanding leaders of the international communist movement and the working-

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the heroic South Vietnamese people.

The new battle exploits made by the South Vietnam People's Liberation Armed Forces and the patriotic people are of great, military and political significance in expediting the ultimate victory of the struggle against U.S. imperialism and for national salvation.

This victory boundlessly pleases the revolutionary people of the whole world and deals a fatal blow to the U.S. imperialist aggressors and their stooges. The wilder the U.S. imperialist aggressors thrown into extreme confusion and fear run, the more miserable defeat they will meet.

I am firmly convinced that all the valorous officers and men of the South Vietnam People's Liberation Armed Forces, people, patriotic forces, national and peace forces will resolutely frustrate the counter-offensive of U.S. imperialism and its stooges and surely win the final victory, rising up as one, shoulder to shoulder with each other more closely, in response to the Feb. 3 appeal of the Central Committee of the South Vietnam National Front for Liberation.

The Korean people sincerely rejoice, as over their own, over the new victory of the heroic South Vietnamese people, and warmly hail it.

The Korean people who regard the aggression of U.S. imperialism against Vietnam as one against themselves are fully prepared to fight shoulder to shoulder with the Vietnamese people whenever requested by the Vietnamese brothers.

The Korean people will do everything in their power in the future, too, as in the past to actively support the just struggle of the South Vietnamese people against U.S. imperialism and for national salvation and fight to the end together with the South Vietnamese people in the anti-U.S. common struggle.

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class movement, and enjoy his wise leadership, and extend greatest glory to him.

Noting that our revolution has not yet come to completion and we are still on the road of revolution, the reporter said: Confronting our Party and people is the revolutionary task of expediting the socialist construction in the northern half of the Republic as quickly as possible while accomplishing the revolution in South Korea by assisting the revolutionary struggle of the South Korean people, unifying the fatherland and achieving the nation-wide victory of the Korean revolution.

The reporter went on:

Today the internal and external circumstances of our revolution are very complex and tense. Though it is on the downgrade, imperialism has not yet given up its aggressive ambitions and is running wild to find a way out of its doom in aggression and war.

Pointing out that the machinations of the U.S. imperialists for aggression and war have become all the more undisguised in recent years, the reporter stressed that the intrigues of the U.S. imperialists to expand aggression and war have already reached a grave stage in Asia in particular.

Referring to the Vietnam situation, the reporter said: recently the heroic South Vietnam People's Liberation Armed Forces launched all-out, large-scale attacks in Saigon and in all other enemy-occupied areas of South Vietnam and wiped out the U.S. imperialist aggressor troops and South Vietnam puppet troops en masse, expanding battle successes. He continued:

From the rostrum of this celebration meeting, I, in the name of the entire officers and men of the Korean People's Army and the Korean people, extend most fervent militant greetings to the entire fighters of the heroic South Vietnam People's Liberation Armed Forces and people who are winning victory after victory by mounting big attacks on the U.S. imperialist aggressors.

Recalling the fact that the U.S. imperialists are running wild to expand the war to Cambodia, Laos and broader areas in the rest of Asia, far from drawing lessons from their crushing defeats in the Vietnam war, the reporter said: The U.S. imperialists are frantically stepping up preparations for a new war in the southern half of our country, too, and stepping up the aggressive machinations against the northern half of the Republic in a more undisguised way than ever before, with the result that today a grave situation has been created in our country.

Needless to say, the aggressive machinations of the U.S. imperialists against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea are not new nor do they start today, the reporter said, and emphasized:

In recent years the U.S. imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi clique, completely throwing away the Armistice Agreement, to all intents and purposes, have taken the road of provoking a new war in real earnest against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

They are watching for a chance for the provocation of a new war against the northern half of the Republic, further reinforcing the puppet armed forces and shipping into South Korea greater quantities of new type military equipment including tactical nuclear weapons and guided missiles, while expanding in a big way the army barracks, communications, roads, railways, harbours and other military establishments in all parts of South Korea and strengthening the "war-time posture" throughout South Korea.

Frightened to the extreme by the fierce activities of the armed guerrillas of the South Korean revolutionaries and patriotic people which are being waged dauntlessly in Seoul and various other parts of South Korea lately, the U.S. imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi clique are stepping up fascist suppression in the whole area of South Korea and openly perpetrating large-scale armed provocations against the northern half of the Republic. The enemy is perpetrating hostile provocations along the Military Demarcation Line, firing every day hundreds of, thousands of bullets and shells into the area of the northern half of the Republic and has committed and is committing vicious provocative acts on the sea, frequently infiltrating fleets of armed vessels into the coastal waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Pointing out that the U.S. imperialists recently committed the criminal act of intruding in broad daylight their armed spy ship "Pueblo" into the sea off Wonsan, the territorial waters of our country, to perpetrate open provocative acts, the reporter said: It is a brigandish act, and impermissible grave aggressive act against the sovereignty of our country and our people, another flagrant violation of international law and the Korean Armistice Agreement, a part of the premeditated moves of the U.S. imperialists to ignite a new war in Korea and a grave menace to peace in the Far East and the rest of the world.

He continued:

The enemy was naturally meted out a severe punishment by the bold measures and the powerful armed forces of our heroic People's Army. It was a legitimate measure of self-defence that the navy of our courageous People's Army captured this time the U.S. armed spy ship and all the U.S. imperialist aggressors on board the ship, who intruded deep into the territorial waters of our country and perpetrated criminal aggressive acts: It is a just act for checking the new war provocation manoeuvres of the U.S. imperialists.

Disregarding this stark fact and far from apologizing for their criminal acts, the U.S. imperialists, like "a thief calling others thief!" are staging the farce of "complaining" over the incident of the seizure of the armed spy ship "Pueblo" to the U.N. Security Council, croaking that it is a so-called "violation of international law" and the like. On the other hand, they are raising frantic war clamours, raving that they would take so-called "retaliatory measures" by mobilizing armed forces in a big way.

The reporter emphasized:

But, this is nothing but an insane act of those bereft of reason and the habitual tactics of the U.S. imperialists, which has long been exposed before the world people. With no crafty, deceptive trick can the U.S. imperialists cover up their dirty aggressive nature and with no threat and blackmail can they frighten the heroic Korean people who already fought against them and won.

The Korean People's Army and the entire Korean people are fully prepared to smash every provocation and aggression by the U.S. imperialists. We are filled with the firm determination to deal an annihilating blow at the U.S. imperialists whenever and wherever they pounce upon us. The Korean people do not like an empty talk. They are a strong-willed people who execute what they say once. The U.S. imperialists should not forget the lessons from their crushing defeat in the past Korean War.

It is an intrigue and scheme hatched in a planned way for covering up their aggressive act and deluding the world public opinion that the U.S. imperialists illegally brought the incident of the armed spy ship "Pueblo" to the U.N. The U.N. must not repeat the disgraceful history in which it was used as a tool of the U.S. imperialists in the aggressive war in Korea unleashed by them. The U.N. has no right whatsoever to meddle in the internal affairs of our country, a proud sovereign state.

Today the developments of situation in our country entirely depend upon how the U.S. imperialists behave. We have made all the necessary preparations and are vigilantly watching at every step the machinations of the U.S. imperialists to provoke a new war. If the U.S. imperialists take the road of war in the long run, inventing this or that pretext, despite the warnings of the Korean people and the peace-loving people of the whole world, they will perish once and for all in the flames of war they enkindled themselves.

The righteous struggle of our people for the dignity of the nation and the sovereignty of the country against the aggressive machinations of the U.S. imperialists enjoys the support of the socialist countries, national independent countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America and all the honest-minded people of the world who value peace and justice.

The incident of the U.S. imperialists' armed spy ship "Pueblo" and all the subsequent developments show that the new war provocation monoeuvres of the U.S. imperialists in Korea have reached the extreme.

The situation has become ever more strained and the danger of war has grown greater than ever before in our country and the whole areas of Asia.

The obtaining situation makes it incumbent upon us to maintain the highest revolutionary vigilance, strengthen the defence capabilities of the country like an iron wall and make full combat preparations so that we can resolutely counter and smash the enemy at one stroke if he dare pounce upon us.

We should firmly build up the defence posture of the whole country and the whole people capable of coping with any surprise invasion of the enemy by stepping up the economic construction and defence upbuilding in parallel and thoroughly implementing the military line of the Party and in accordance with the line set forth by the Party Conference and the great 10-point Political Programme of Comrade Kim Il Sung.

Quoting the teachings of Comrade Kim Il Sung that **"Our People's Army is a revolutionary army, so the basic condition for increasing its might lies in arming the soldiers politically and ideologically,"** the reporter stressed: We should, first of all, train the People's Army into revolutionary ranks firmly armed politically and ideologically. To this end, we should more thoroughly establish the unitary ideological system of the Party among the armymen by further strengthening the education with the Party policies and education with the revolutionary traditions. The reporter also said that the communist education with the class education as its basic content should be strengthened all the more and, at the same time, the traditional traits of the unity of the superiors and inferiors and the unity of the army and people be brought into full play and a steel-strong discipline be established in the army.

Pointing out that we should further strengthen the People's Army militarily and technically by successfully carrying through the Party's line on training the whole army into a cadre army and modernizing the whole army on the basis of firmly arming the People's Army politically and ideologically, the reporter declared: What is important in this is to keep expanding and developing the Red Flag Company Movement.

The reporter stressed: In this way we should implement with credit the earnest instructions of Comrade Kim Il Sung that **"Our People's Army should be built up into a revolutionary force armed with the indomitable spirit of fighting through thick and thin for the Party, the working class and for the fatherland and the people, into an iron detachment, each member of which is a match for a hundred foes, capable of smiting any reckless adventure of the enemy."**

Noting that in order to strengthen our defence capabilities as firm as an iron wall, the Party's line of arming the entire people and turning the whole country into a fortress should be thoroughly implemented along with the strengthening of the People's Army, the reporter said: The entire working people should more firmly arm themselves politically and ideologically and, holding a hammer and sickle in one hand and a rifle in the other on this basis, should continue to push ahead energetically with socialist construction while reliably defending our socialist fatherland. He emphasized that the Worker-Peasant Red Militiamen should constantly improve and enhance their military technique and combat function by actively participating in the combat and political training and build defence establishments as firm as an iron wall in all parts of the country—the front zone and the rear, the coastal and inland areas.

Holding aloft the resolution of the Party Conference on stepping up economic construction and defence upbuilding in parallel and the great 10-point Political Programme of Comrade Kim Il Sung the entire people should struggle to make our economy an independent economy with greater stability and vitality, capable of satisfying the material demands of the front and the rear under whatever unfavourable situation by reorganizing the overall work of socialist construction in compliance with the demand of the present situation in which the aggressive manoeuvres of the imperialists are growing unscrupulous.

Concluding the report, he said:

Only new brilliant victory and infinite glory are in store for our People's Armymen and people who are vigorously advancing toward the final victory of the revolution under the wise leadership of the Party and the Leader. The entire officers and men of the People's Army should continue to march ahead vigorously toward the unification of the fatherland and the final victory of our revolution with higher revolutionary spirit and confidence in victory, rallied rock-firm around the Central Committee of the Party headed by Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved leader.

On 20th Founding Day of KPA

Nat'l Defence Minister Kim Chang Bong Issues Order

PYONGYANG, Feb. 8 (KCNA)—General Kim Chang Bong, Minister of National Defence of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea issued an order to the officers and men of the People's Army on the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Korean People's Army.

Saying that today the entire Korean people are marking the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Korean People's Army under the circumstances in which they are effecting a new revolutionary upsurge in all domains of economic construction and defence upbuilding and waging a strained struggle for accomplishing the cause of the unification of the fatherland, upholding the resolutions of the Conference of the Workers' Party of Korea and the Political Programme announced by Comrade Kim Il Sung at the First Session of the Fourth Supreme People's Assembly, General Kim Chang Bong in his order extended on this significant holiday the warmest congratulations and militant salute to the comrades men, non-commissioned officers, officers and generals of the ground, naval and air forces of the Korean People's Army firmly standing guard over the posts for defending the socialist fatherland.

He referred in detail to the fact that the Korean People's Army, the direct successor to the anti-Japanese armed struggle and the revolutionary armed forces of the Workers' Party of Korea; has been boundlessly faithful to the Party and the Leader and has traversed a militant path replete with victory and glory in the past 20 years.

Noting that the People's Army has grown into revolutionary armed forces further tempered politically and ideologically, militarily and technically, each man being a match for a hundred foes, by thoroughly implementing the line of the Party on training the whole army into a cadre army and modernizing the whole army, he stressed that the brilliant exploits and all the successes made by the People's Army in the past 20 years are the proud fruition of the seasoned leadership and deep solicitude to Comrade Kim Il Sung and the brilliant victory of the correct military line of our Party.

Pointing out that the U.S. imperialists are incessantly perpetrating armed invasion and subversive activities against the socialist countries and national independent countries, more openly disclosing their brigandish nature, he said:

The U.S. imperialists are reinforcing the South Korean puppet armed forces, continuously shipping new type military equipment into South Korea and intensifying as never before military provocations on the ground, sea and in the air against the northern half of the Republic.

The incident of the U.S. imperialist armed spy ship "Pueblo" vividly shows how recklessly the U.S. imperialists are scheming to ignite a new war in Korea.

The situation has become extremely strained and the danger of war is further growing in our country and in the whole area of Asia owing to the war provocation manoeuvres of U.S. imperialism.

Stressing that in view of the prevailing tense situation the entire officers and men of the People's Army should further heighten revolutionary vigilance and military strain and build up full combat readiness to counter any provocation or invasion of the enemy, General Kim Chang Bong issued the following order on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Korean People's Army:

1. The entire officers and men of the People's Army should thoroughly establish the unitary ideological system of the Party and arm themselves firmly with the indomitable revolutionary spirit and the ideas of socialist patriotism and further heighten hatred and enmity against the U.S. and Japanese imperialists and all the class enemies and thoroughly prepare themselves politically and ideologically to fight, dedicating their all, for the Party, the fatherland and the people.

2. The entire officers and men of the People's Army should acquire a knowledge of modern military science and military technique, become proficient in handling weapons and combat technical materiel and prepare themselves so that all can undertake the duties of higher rank and up in case of emergency by energetically conducting combat and political training, upholding the line of the Party on training the whole army into a cadre army and modernizing the whole army.

3. The entire officers and men of the People's Army should further strengthen military discipline and order and strictly keep the state and military secrets and further strengthen the revolutionary unity between the superiors and inferiors and among the comrades.

4. The entire officers and men of the People's Army should respect the people and actively protect the lives and property of the people by displaying the traditional traits of unity between the army and people and cement the bonds of kinship with the people so that they may fight shoulder to shoulder with them, sharing life and death, sweets and bitters with them in case of emergency.

5. The entire officers and men of the People's Army should firmly build up the People's Army into a red communist collective by further deepening and developing the Red Flag Company Movement and continuously effect collective innovations in the implementation of the military tasks to mark the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Republic with great success in increasing their combat capacity and combat readiness.

I am convinced that the entire officers and men of the People's Army, rallied rock-firm around the Central Committee of the Party headed by Comrade Kim Il Sung, will remain faithful to the Party and revolution to the end and score new, still greater success in the struggle for firmly defending the socialist system and the gains of the revolution and strengthening and developing the People's Army.

Long live the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Korean People's Army!

Long live Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved leader of the 40 million Korean people, founder and leader of the Korean People's Army, and organizer of all its victories!

Research Officer of "PUEBLO"

Admits Criminal Spy Acts

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We also heard much more activity of Morse communications than in other areas, but could not spot their sources or identify their meaning.

The sound transmissions were recorded on our tape for later analysis and the Morse transmissions were typed on long sheets. Radar signals were also recorded.

On 23 Jan., 1968, we entered deep into the coastal waters up to a point (39 degrees 17.4 minutes N, 127 degrees 46.9 minutes E) 7.6 miles off Ryo *do* near Wonsan so as to identify collected materials and to obtain additional intelligence information.

Since it was our last area of operation, we were very impatient.

In fact, we failed to carry out the mission given by the U.S. Command Naval Forces, Japan during the operation period of this time. Though we succeeded in catching a lot of radar signals and radio waves from the Korean People's Army, we could neither clearly identify their locations nor decode them.

At last, USS Pueblo was captured by the naval patrol boats of the Korean People's Army.

Throughout the operation USS Pueblo investigated the depth, current speed, sea basin, density, salinity and other oceanographic information necessary for the submarine operation of the U.S. Navy in the coastal waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. Photographs were also taken of military objects along the coast of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Pueblo openly committed hostile acts against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea by intruding deep into its coastal waters and conducting espionage activities. Our intelligence activities against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea were entirely unjustified from the very start. It was very dirty crime that I committed in the East Sea of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, though I as a military man, had merely obeyed the orders of my commanders. Now I realise what a serious crime I committed. It is the Johnson Administration and my commanders that forced me to commit such a crime. I hate them. I deeply repent and sincerely apologize to the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea for my criminal acts. I beg of you to forgive me my crime.

If the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea forgives me generously and allows me to return home, I will never again associate myself in such activities. I declare upon my life that I will never commit again such an aggressive crime against other countries but will oppose the Johnson Administration's policy of aggression against other countries when I return to the United States even if I am forfeited from my commission as a U.S. naval officer. I want to make it public as my personal statement.

Although we are guilty and detained, we are treated well. I am very grateful to you for this.

I left my wife in Canada. We have been married just a little over a year. My mother is in Boston, U.S.A. They are now missing me very much.

I now humbly beg for all the kindness in the hearts of the Korean people to allow me to see my dear wife and mother as early as possible.

I shall further confess my crime more in detail.

18,000 Japanese People Hold Rally, Blast U.S. Imperialist War Moves in Korea

"Never forgive the war provocations of U.S. imperialism in Korea!" "U.S. imperialism, get out at once of Japan, Korea and Vietnam!" and "Firmly support the struggle of the heroic Korean people!"

The unanimous condemnation of the U.S. imperialists for their reckless war provocations in Korea strongly shook the big Hibiya Open-Air Amphitheatre in the heart of Tokyo on Feb. 2 when over 18,000 Japanese people in all walks of life packed the theatre to capacity.

This big rally denouncing the U.S. imperialist war machinations was held at a time when the U.S. imperialists were frantically trying to expand their war of aggression from Vietnam to Korea in a desperate attempt to save their collapsing colonial rule in South Korea and recover from their repeated incalculably serious setbacks in Vietnam.

The denunciation rally was sponsored by the Central Executive Committee to Carry Out Demands Including One for Scrapping the Japan-U.S. Security Treaty.

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